

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017

Present:

Councillor P F Bateman
Councillor M T Ditchburn
Councillor S Forrester
Councillor Mrs L Harwood
Councillor D Horsley

Councillor M Jenkinson
Councillor J Musgrave
Councillor K Slone
Councillor Mrs C Tibble
Councillor C Woodman

Clerk: P Bramley

Minute No. 172

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R McCracken & Mrs J Norman. The Council agreed leave of absence to Mrs J Norman for a period of six months.

Minute No. 173

Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor K Slone, Item 7, Personal.

Minute No. 174

Requests for Dispensation

None received.

Minute No. 175

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 January 2017

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2017 be accepted and signed as a correct record.

Minute No. 176

Police Report

PCSO Lisa Jackson attended the meeting & reported on crime issues which had occurred in Seaton during the previous month. Referring to reported parking problems on Barncroft Avenue, she advised that the Police can enforce obstructive parking but that inconsiderate parking, such as a vehicle parked on the pavement blocking access to disabled equipment & pushchairs, would require the impaired member of the public to make a complaint at the time. In respect of parking problems reported on Jackson Street, she advised that she could deliver letters addressing parking etiquette. PCSO Jackson explained how vehicle parking problems on Hall Brow, Workington, were dealt with.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Minute No. 177

Progress Reports

1) Clerk

The Clerk presented a report on outstanding items.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

2) Village Hall

Councillor Mrs C Tibble presented a copy of the Village Hall Annual Report & a report demonstrating the significant increase in usage of the Village Hall, with annual turnover increasing fourfold from just over £2,000 in 2001 to almost £9,000 in 2016. Most of the increase reflected improvements made since December 2012, with income of £29, 289 in the four years from then to December 2016, compared to total income of £26, 542 for the period 2001 to 2012.

Resolved that the progress report be noted.

Minute No. 178

Allotments

Members received an update on the position concerning the Council's arrangements for the provision of allotments. A report was received from the meeting of the Allotment Working Party which had been held on 16 February 2017 to consider the responses received at the two open meetings held on 21 & 28 January regarding the proposed development of an allotment site on Meadow Vale, with a view to preparing for the follow-up pre-planning meeting with Allerdale Borough Council. It was also reported that a letter had been received on the previous night from a number of residents commenting on the proposed development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale. In addition, letters had been received from two residents of Meadow Vale, one named on the aforementioned letter, objecting to the proposals to develop an allotment site on Meadow Vale.

Resolved that the position be noted & that:

- 1) It be agreed that arrangements be made for a follow-up pre-planning meeting with Allerdale Borough Council, the Council to be represented by Councillors Mrs L Harwood & M Jenkinson, P Bramley, (Clerk/RFO), & the Council's planning adviser, to consider the Council's options in respect of the development of an allotment site at Meadow Vale.
- 2) Members review the contents of the letter received on 19 February & consider further at the meeting of the Council to be held on 20 March 2017.

Minute No. 179

Public Questions

- 1) Mr P Nicholson of Meadow Vale advised that he was the author of the letter referred to in Minute 178, (above), & asked that members review its contents carefully, since some responses he said had been given by members at one of the open meetings held to discuss proposals for an allotment site at Meadow Vale had led him to believe that members were not clear on the difference between the Council's powers & obligations. He commented that he was not clear on how the Council planned to take account of the views of the public in arriving at a decision, in particular, objections to the proposals for an allotment site at Meadow Vale, prior to a planning submission being made. Mr Nicholson was advised that the Council welcomed feedback from residents, which was the purpose of holding the open meetings & that it was taking appropriate legal & planning advice in respect of the proposed development. He was advised on the background to the proposals & the considerations given by the Council to the provision of allotments over a number of years, & that the views of the public would be taken into account in the Council's deliberations.

It was agreed to request Allerdale Borough Council to arrange a date for the follow-up pre-planning meeting, (Minute 178 refers), after the next Parish Council meeting, (to be held on 20 March 2017).

Minute No. 180

County & District Councillors' Reports

1) Cumbria County Council

Councillor Mrs C Tibble reported on problems being experienced by Seaton Junior School in dealing with applications for places under the government's current policy & advised that children resident in the village may not be allocated places, as a result of the numbers wishing to transfer from Seaton Academy. She commented that further housing developments in the village were likely to exacerbate the problems, since the funding formula applied to allow for additional school pupils would not result in sufficient funding being provided by developers to support all the costs involved.

2) Allerdale Borough Council

Councillor M Jenkinson reported on concerns with the impact of the use of Seaton Junior School as a polling station by Allerdale Borough Council, on discarded needles being found in the vicinity of Seaton ARLFC Club & reminded members that a Spring Clean day had been arranged to be held in Seaton on 3 March, commencing at Seaton shops at 10.00am.

Resolved that the reports be accepted.

Minute No. 181

Road Traffic Restrictions Causeway Road/Church Road Area

Consideration was given to the problems experienced by motorists with the traffic arrangements in the Causeway Road/Church Road Area. Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised of proposals to review the arrangements & make immediate improvements.

Resolved that the matter be kept under review.

Minute No. 182

Seaton Academy Crossing

Councillor K Slone reported concerns with the timescale understood to be in place for the provision of a crossing at Seaton Academy. Councillor Mrs C Tibble advised that Cumbria County Council had approved the budget for the work, which had been given a high priority & was expected to take place during the school summer holidays.

Resolved that the matter be kept under review.

Minute No. 183

May Day Celebrations

Resolved that the matter be deferred to a future meeting.

Minute No. 184

Seaton Scarecrow Festival 2017

Resolved that a festival be held in 2017 & the Scarecrow Working Party be authorised to begin preparations.

Minute No. 185

Sponsorship for Seaton's Got Talent

Resolved that the Council agree to support the 'Seaton's Got Talent' competition 2017 run by Mr Michael Milner, & that prizes of £50 for the under 16's competition & £100 for the over 16's competition be agreed.

Minute No. 186

Jackson Street Play Area

A report was given on progress made on improvements to Jackson Street Play Area. Arrangements were being made for an official opening to be held at 11am on Saturday 25 February. An application had been made for funding to support further improvements & the development of a mini football pitch was to be discussed with Seaton Junior Football Club.

Resolved that the progress report be welcomed & proposals agreed, & the Council thank the site manager for the efficient administration of the developments.

Minute No. 187

Planning Issues

Resolved: that the following observations on planning applications be made & planning application decisions made by Allerdale Borough Council be noted:

New Planning Applications

Reference No: HOU/2017/0019
Applicant: Mr Andrew Martin
Proposal: Erection of patio to rear, (resubmission)
Location: 12 Calva Road, Seaton

No Objections

Reference No: HOU/2017/0029
Applicant: Mr Richard Gallacher
Proposal: Side & rear extension
Location: 110 Ling Beck Park, Seaton
No Objections

Planning Notifications

Reference No: 2/2016/0660
Applicant: Ms Debra Louise Rutherford Warren, c/o Day Cummins Ltd
Proposal: Outline application considering access & layout for three residential dwellings
Location: Garth Croft, Low Seaton, Seaton
REFUSED

Minute No. 188

Accounts – February 2017

Resolved that the accounts listed in the schedule, totalling £26,060.14, be agreed for payment.

Minute Number 189

Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2016/17

Resolved that, from the evidence available, it be considered that the Council's arrangements for Internal Audit, taking into account its size & range of operations, complied with the requirements of the Accounts & Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.

Minute No. 190

Internal Audit Plan 2017/18

Resolved that the Internal Audit Plan 2017/18 be agreed.

Minute No. 191

Insurance

Resolved that the Council renew its insurance policy with its current providers for a period of five years.

Minute No. 192

Correspondence

Resolved that correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Minute No. 193

Councillors' Reports

- 1) It was agreed to seek costs on the provision of a kissing gate at the bottom of Scaw Bank.

- 2) It was agreed to report the poor state of the litter bin on the cycle track by the bridge over Lowca Lane to Allerdale Borough Council.
- 3) It was agreed to discuss the condition of the mini-football pitch beside Seaton Village Hall at the next meeting.
- 4) It was agreed to consider the establishment of a Working Party to liaise with Seaton Junior Football Club in the development of Meadow Vale football pitches at the next meeting.
- 5) It was reported that the Coronation Avenue would be one of three trial areas for new recycling arrangements being developed by Allerdale Borough Council.
- 6) It was agreed to seek information on responsibility for the provision of new pads for the defibrillator located at Firth House.
- 7) It was agreed to notify Cumbria County Council that the speed indicator sign near Seaton shops wasn't operating.

Minute No. 194

Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 20 March 2017, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.